MEETNG WITH PAUL CAIN AND CHUCK SMITH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1989

PC: Well Chuck, like I said earlier, your pastors gave me the tape that you made I guess in the midwest at some Pastors Conference and during the course of that meeting, you called me a homosexual, you accused me of high flying life style, that I ripped off your Foursquare Church in Huntington Beach in 1955 when I was with you. You said I did that after I asked you to let me come to preach for you. And then you said I was a fraud in prophetic gifting. Do you care to respond?

CS: I don't really think you really heard the tape right or maybe you got an edited version.

PC: No I think not, we have the tape with us and we have a transcript from the tape.

CS: I don't think that I said, that I really said you were a homosexual....

PC: There are two references to that Jack?

JD: "I was passing Huntington beach and holding a meeting and I'd only known him from Phoenix, so I told him 'sure come on down.' The whole evening was spent in ripping off my ..... for an offering. He didn't minister to them at all. All he did was take an offering, he spent the whole time taking an offering and then took off in his big Lincoln with his boyfriend at the time." Another reference you call him a queer.

PC: And apparently made a gesture of a queer because the audience was going wild with laughter, cackling like a bunch of hens.

JD: You say, "You know, you don't like to say it...hey, the guy's a queer." I have a copy of the tape.

CS: I don't think the word queer was used in the contents of the whole text.

JD: After talking about his boyfriend anybody would construe it that way. And the derogatory remarks that were made about it. CS:"My problem is the great concern for money, the high flying kind of lifestyle. I believe that you had a gift that was taken away."

CS: Paul, I don't know if you remember meeting in Huntington Beach.....and I was genuinely look....I'd heard of your ministry. I'd heard you on the radio or something and I'd heard of this gift that you had. And Kay and I drove up to Los Angeles to hear you. The evening that we were there we were extremely disappointed because I guess....or someone had moved .....of what we had heard.....The next contact was in Phoenix when you were holding a meeting in Madison Square Garden and I helped you with the meeting..... There I saw the gift in operation and which I believed to be genuine. [illegible] people questioned me I would say that you seem to have a very clear gift of being able to call people out with names and addresses. Subsequently that time, of course with Peter Popov and the shenanigans of .....and all and people.....at the church where I was interum at the time where I was talking and I was fully in

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accord, I was really believing that I was seeing a genuine work of God. You had not talked to me.....I was in awe of you and your gift at that time. People said, "Well, we saw him looking at the files in the bedroom office of the apartment where I was staying.....and there were people in the church who were challenging ..... at the time, however I put that aside. I sought to find places for you but then that whole..... thing..... I tried to get the fairgrounds ..... Then I began to pastor .....and then you called me....

PC: No I didn't call. You wrote me a letter. I have all your letters Chuck. I have every letter you've written.....

CS: If I wrote you a letter, I don't recall that but I do know that we made arrangements for you to come down. My hope, of course, was that people might see the gift of God in operation and.....bear witness that you did not excercise the gifts, you did not bring the ministry to the people, you did take an offering for yourself, you got over a thousand dollars.....

PC: That's wrong, you know that.

CS: Well I don't know that Paul because that's exactly....and that's where I then began to question the whole thing because Peter tells us that if a man seeks to make merchandise of his people, then that's the sign of a false prophet and you definitely made merchandise of the people that night. They even .....

PC: No. I have someone that can verify it. That's wrong. I'm not here to defend myself, I'm here to ask you to respond to these accusations.

CS: So this is where I felt that....I really had some real questions of your ministry and your gifts. For years I didn't hear anything about you. I don't know if you were continuing the ministry or what but there was a time ..... I did not hear of you until just the other night...

PC: No that's not true either. You came to Los Angeles when I was at Angeles Temple for 17 weeks, you called me for counsel, you said you were....no, no Chuck, I remember. I can verify your call.

CS: You cannot verify my call because I don't.....

PC: You called several times without me returning your call, I felt badly about it because of our friendship in the past and when I returned your call, you told me you had left the church, I think in Costa Mesa someplace and that you were dangling, seeking to know the will of the Lord. I remember having an impression and it didn't make any sense, that you would be used with youth and I had no idea what that meant because you were a little bit older at the time - it didn't fit. The next thing I heard was this marvelous thing about you baptizing hundreds and thousands of people in the ocean. The Jesus people movement. It was the greatest grace package I'd ever heard of and I was pleased about you. I've always spoken highly of you Chuck. Wimber can tell you and Jack can tell you, everyone that I've ever talked to about you I've spoken highly and when I heard this, I couldn't believe it. And the lady you met in the market tells a different story. As I say, I'm not here to defend myself, I just want you to respond.

CS: I told her that I felt .....and I did tell her that the last time that I did see you .....

PC: No it wasn't the last time that you saw me. I've seen you several times since then. I came here and visited with you when you had the green carpet. You sat down on the carpet.....and told me you wouldn't have a charismatic in your church and if you ever had one it would be over your dead body. We had a lot of fellowship that day. I had a brother with me, he remembers it. Look, I'm not accusing you of anything. We're not here to talk about that. I just want you to respond to these accusations. Will you respond to all of them? Let's go back to the homosexual part.

CS: Paul, after you left that day in Huntington Beach, my wife and I talked..... and we have talked about, we wonder if there are those tendencies and I don't know, Paul. I don't know.

PC: You don't know. Do you see those tendencies in me because you allude to the fact that I drove away in my big Lincoln with my boyfriend at the time. See there's where you're wrong, it was a black Lincoln. I do remember that. The boyfriend's name was Don Lassister. He was William W. Freeman's song leader and he was on his way to Lubeck, Texas to get married, he was engaged to get married. So I don't think he would appreciate what you alluded to there. Again, I'm not here to defend myself I just want to know what you plan to do about this.

CS: What do you want me to do?

PC: I want you to, if you want to do anything to correct this, I want you to write these pastors and tell them the straight of this, and I do mean the straight. And we'll drop it and ve won't hear about it anymore. But are you willing to do that?

CS: I'm willing to write to them and apologize to them for even suggesting that you were homosexual.

PC: Let's see, what are the other things there?

JD: You ripped off the flock in Huntington Beach.

CS: That I believe.....

JD: That you were fraudulent in your prophetic gifts, you have high flying lifestyle.

CS: Where did I say that he was a fraud?

JD: You don't like to say people were going through church files.....what it is.

CS: That's what I was told that he did .....

JD: Yeah, but you don't report it that way. You say, "You don't like to say that he was going through the files and called out the names of people that were in the files, giving them addresses." You don't like to tell people that kind of stuff but, which you are reporting it as though it were

fact. You don't report it as though someone said this to you and it could have been true. You reported it as that's what you believe.

CS: That's what I was told.

JD: But you reported it as though you know this is fact.

PC: You couldn't believe that or you wouldn't have invited ....in the church for me.

CS: I told you that .....and these people

PC: .....because we were friends.

CS: Right, right.

PC: I thought we were close friends. There is something I'd like to bring up but I don't think it is the time or the place but if you could remedy this situation? I do have proof however, that I didn't rip your church off. I won't enough dignify the accusation that I go through church files. How on earth would I have access to all of the church files everywhere I go. I preach to thousands these days. That's impossible Chuck, you know that. That's ridiculous. We only had them fill out cards but those were attendance cards for the churches. They were cooperating. You know that, you know that very well.

CS: What do you think about Peter Popov?

PC: I don't know what to think about it, he's not the issue here. We're not judges of Peter Popov. We're not judges of other frauds. We're judging these.

CS: I'm talking about Peter Popov with all these names and addresses.....

PC: Well are you inferring that I have a radio receiver in my ear and I have somebody transferring information to me? There wasn't anything like that available in those days. You know that too Chuck. Information wasn't available that I could have called out. Like Jim Meachum that you mentioned in the first letter you wrote me. You remember Jim Meachum, the head usher you had. You were marveling how he was called out and was told about the vision I had of him pastoring and preaching. He was a general contractor, it wasn't even likely that he would be preaching. You know you don't find that in church files that Jim Meachum was going to be pastoring a church or preaching right away. A few weeks later .....Foursquare church opened, as you explained in the letter there, and he was appointed Pastor. And those things should be thought of as - the fruit of the ministry speaks for itself. I make no defense, I make no defense. And you've know about Carl Williams daughter, you know she was in a mental institution and was delivered through prophetic gifts. There were lots of them.

CS: I didn't know about.....

PC: Well, I told you about that years ago. You seem to have a short memory. I think you have a short memory about what happened in Phoenix too. You make allegations there that I tried to befriend some of the

Calvary Church pastors. I didn't know a single Calvary Church pastor all the time I was in Phoenix. No, I don't know any your Phoenix men. Never did know any of them.

CS: Why did they call me and say that.....

PC: I don't know why they did that because you sent a charismatic down named Dean ... who took my church away from me for you. You sent him with cash in hand when you started out right here in the office, promising that you would lend us the money to save the church and that you finally decided later, after a long process, that you would do differently. You wanted to buy the church outright. That was fine. You wanted to install a Calvary Church pastor.

CS: No, no, no. Me and Dennis went down .....the Church of Christ was....actually.....

PC: But I was the one that came to you and asked you to lend them the money. I was the intern pastor there and had been for a year.

CS: I wasn't.....

JD: That's really not an issue. There's only three things.

PC: Well the issue though is that I tried to work with his pastors. I just wanted to remind you of that because you do have a poor memory for some....

CS: I didn't send.....He went down there and then he said, "These people .....want the money..", and after he was down there he came back.....

PC: No. My elder, the head elder, Bob Cannon and I drove out here. We sat right down in your office, you were very cordial, very friendly, we were old friends, I even suggested we come out here because on the strength of our friendship in the past, you agreed to lend the money. That's just another thing to indicate that you don't have your facts straight. Chuck, I would like to go on thinking of you as a friend and a brother in Christ but I have an awesome ministry ahead of me. You know about my peculiar birth, my mom's healing, my call and I believe the Lord's forgiven you for coming against the power. I have a scriptural premise for this. He'll forgive you for coming against the power, if you indeed have come against His power, He'll forgive you for that but He will not allow you to come against His authority. And I'm called to do something in these last days and my whole life has revolved around that. And I may have gotten started and gotten in the flow of a movement that I was completely disillusioned with and also wrote about it and came out clear about it but for the past 35 years, you'll find no one that has said that I've taken an offering, taken advantage of them. I think for almost 30 years I have never taken an offering. You can't go anywhere and have anyone tell you that I've taken an offering because I have backed completely off of that and I got just as disilusioned with the healing movement and some of the penecostalism as you were, maybe even more so. That' when I spent the night with you in the house. That's another thing, we spent the night in a parsonage next door to the church and you talked to me about the gifts of the spirit. You told me how valuable they could be, what a tool they could be to help the church and encouraged me to use them. I was beginning to get disilusioned with the way things were going and I boved out of the healing movement but I

never left the ministry. There's never been a time when I've been out of the ministry. There's been some almost silent years but I was in the ministry. I went to mental institutions, hospitals, and I had meetings, maybe they were obscure but I had meetings. And I had meetings seven years in a row in Phoenix and I have a good name there. I have a good name everywhere I go. You're the only one that has ever come out with something like this and it's appalling. I could be, I guess if I had a weakness, I'd be disintegrated but I don't know whether I want to appeal to you to continue to be the friend that I thought you were, make this right so we can both go on because I don't think the Lord is going to stand by and let this go down this way. I'm not going to do anything about it but I think there are things in peoples lives that the Lord would bring out at this point that could be most embarrassing. I don't think we can live them down and I think you ought to make this right, make a real effort to make this right. I think we ought to go and check your files and see...

CS: .....

PC: Well, maybe we do. You ought to check your files and start with your church house, maybe you have me mixed up with someone else.

CS: .....

PC: Are we going the wrong way with this? (to Jack Deere)

JD: I think they're willing to say that it was wrong for them to say you were homosexual and ask your forgiveness for that but I don't think they're willing to say you're not a homosexual yet. I think the bottom line for us is we would like all three of those charges are wrong .....that he's homosexual, that he has a high flying lifestyle, he's money hungry and that his gift is fraudulant. It seems like you're only willing to say that you were mistaken on one point, not even say you were mistaken on homosexual, but just say you shouldn't have said it.

CS: Definitely, definitley. I apologize for that.....
(a lot of talking going on in the background. I think it is Jeff)

JD: Jeff, you mean you want Paul to deny that he was a homosexual?

JS: Othervise there is no.....

PC: Do you understand what he is saying? (to Jack Deere)

JS: .....deny that I am not, that I have never been, etc., etc., etc.....

PC: I thought that goes without saying. That's the reason I'm here. I don't think I would face you if I didn't believe that I am not any of these things. If there is anything, any kind of.....

JS: .....was not that [illegible] before Baker was exposed. I could go on and on about.....that [illegible] through here. Now I was with some people this weekend that were talking.....you were in Texas.....they were just giving me information. We get a lot of information here, there's a lot of accusations.....Paul and Jan rouch.....Rick Joyner .....and there is so much of it and especially in the position

that we're in.

PC: What did Rick Joyner being on TBN have to do with this?

JS: Well what I was going to say is Paul and Jan Crouch called dad recently and said, "Chuck, we heard this and this and this." Dad said, "That is not true. That rumor has been going around for a long time." And he goes, "Paul and Jan, I've heard this.....that's not true." So I'm sure you've heard a lot of things about Chuck Smith. I'm sure that over the years a lot has been said.....about his ministry and therefore there is not a lot of accountability in the church ..... especially for a lot of pastors like .....but anyway, the bottom line is we don't know who.....

PC: I can appreciate that Jeff.

JS:.....you know how Christians are Paul, over the years all the things that they say.....and I think that they ah, I mean I'm pleased to hear.....

CS: I do thank you for coming Paul.....I don't know.....I want to apologize.....

PC: But Chuck, by any stretch of the imagination I ripped your church off, I have evidence that I didn't but if that's in your mind, I want that cleared up. I just don't want this to come down this way. I don't want it to go down this way. I know the Lord loves you but he loves me. He's got something invested in me. He's got a lot invested in me. My mom will be going on 105 this month and she's still alive and the Lord spoke to me years ago, I mean many years ago, when I thought of giving up and was totally disillusioned because there is no place in a protestant society for a celibate.

JS: .....when you were born.

PC: Well she was almost 45 when I was born, almost past age. There were times you know, I felt a call to be a celibate in my late 20's and there have been times I felt there was no place in the protestant society for a celibate and it has been hard old road. I think I pioneered something. We all like to think that we made it in some area. I feel like I've accomplished something there. I had the chemistry given to me by the Lord for that. Anyway, I just said, "Lord, I'm through with it. I've had it up to here with christianity, the whole works." I wanted to die. The Lord spoke to me clearly, I can hear my own voice right now. He said, "You'll live and you'll live to stand before a new breed of men and they won't be money hungry, they won't do any of things that we were involved in in the healing movement." And he said, "I'll give you a token also to encourage you, that your mom will not die until you communicate with these breed of men." And so I've held onto that promise. I don't know that I've come into that but I feel that that's in the making. I'm dead sincere about what I'm doing Chuck. I'm called to do this and I'm not on this savior, messiah syndrome or that kind of [illegible] I paid a price for this, I paid a real price. I don't have grown boys like this and two grown girls and a wife. You were fortunate, you have a wonderful family. I don't have that. I forfeited that. And the Lord said that he is going to regard the eunich, even one like me, as being greater than that of a son. I'm sorry, I just

don't want you to let this come down this way, it's not that I'm better than you but I have a certain area in my life that has gotten the Lords' attention and He'll fight for me, He will. I don't have sons, I don't have daughters, I don't have a wife to fight for me. I don't have a church ..... to fight for me. But I have a private association with Him, I'm identified with Him, He'll fight for me. I'm not threatening you. I really would like your friendship but it will cost you just a little bit of humility.

CS: Yes I definitely will do it Paul.

PC: Would you give us a copy of the letter you send and give us some proof of repentance here. I'm not asking you to cravl and do penance, I'm just wanting you to straighten this up and let it go no further.

CS: Right. What is your address?

PC: P.O. BOX 57, Dallas, Texas, 75221. Okay? So when my name comes up again, even though I'm associated with Wimber right nov, you'll think kindly I trust.

CS: .....

PC: Okay, because he speaks well of you and I speak well of you.

CS: I feel that God has raised up the Vineyard movement to minister to .....body.

PC: Well apparently it hasn't hurt you here. You're doing well. Is Jeff your baby boy? And junior is older? Hello Kay. How are you?

KS: Nice to see you again.

PC: This is Jack Deere. It's been a long time. I did see you when we came from Phoenix that time with my church elder .....a little while in the office. We go back a long way. I thought when we first met it was just the beginning of the fifties but we were in that meeting apparently in '54 and then you took the Huntington Beach church over September, October because you wrote me a letter November 9th from Huntington Beach and you said you felt the Lord opened that door for you. Apparently you hadn't been there but a couple of months. Well Chuck if you'll do this.....

JD: ...got Kay to come so he could verify.....the same impression.

CS: .....to share your feeling.....

KS: .....we were really expecting you to use the gifts.....

PC: It's possible I didn't use the gifts because I remember Chuck lecturing me afterwards, showing me the value of using it. I remember we sat up quite late that night and talked about it because we stayed in the parsonage with you guys.

JD: I just want to ask Kay. Did you also have the impression that he ripped off the church, that he dwelled on money?

KS: That wasn't the expression that he would have used at that time but yeah,.....that he took money....I mean you want honesty?.....revival or whatever you want to call it.....

PC: Well I was just there one night, wasn't I?

KS: .....but I remember him asking for money. That was the rough part.....We loved your meetings in Phoenix when we were there. Both of us.....

CS: I think it's true that people and I .....Paul.....

KS: It was at my sister's house and you made a telephone call and they said they saw you go through a rolodex earlier.

PC: I don't think they even had rolodexes then. I might check that out. I didn't even think they had them then.

JD: For the purpose of clarity at this point you could say that it was a definite mistake on your part to give allusions that he is a homosexual but you don't feel like taking other things back, that he had a high-flying lifestyle, that he ripped off the church...

CS: I'll write a letter.....

PC: If you would, ask them to not carry it any further because they are sending tapes out and they're sharing tapes in the meetings. The tapes that have been played in some circles is very embarrassing and could be very damaging. You're a powerful man, all you have to do is correct it. But you said I say something about the files there?(to Jack Deere) I did get a copy of the files from the Foursquare Church .....and there is no record of any excess of the offering. There's no record of any offering like you're talking about. My recollection was, I was there in September, was either in May or September, it had to be one or the other because .....

CS: .....offering.....bank deposit.....

PC: Well it would have been illegal not to have a record of it. Because you have a record of all the other offerings,.....Coy,.....Faulkner and all your other evangelists that you had there. It seemed like Dick Mills was there and so you had record of every offering. Why would you not have one of mine?

CS: Because.....

PC: That would be illegal. So we sure don't want to get into that, that would open up another can of worms.

KS: We don't worry about it. On our part there is nothing to worry about.

PC: Well I think I may have made up for it Kay because I haven't taken an offering for thirty years so I may have made up for it if that was the case.

KS: That's almost, that's over thirty years.

PC: It's been more than thirty years. At that time probably the reason the gifts weren't used is because I was backing away from that movement because I was totally disallusioned with it. I mean the high-flying lifestyle, I did have a Lincoln at the time but I wore a Lincoln out every year and again this is not a defense, I'm just telling you, the Lincoln was my home really, it was my house. I had a $21,000.00 house at the time and.....

CS: .....

PC: No, that was a cabin that I just used up there. That was somebody elses probably. But I paid $21,500.00 for a house in Texas. The most I ever paid for a house. The house I'm living in right now, I got for $19,500.00 and it's a little two bedroom house. I've lived a sacrificial lifestyle with the exception of having the big car. That's about all you can get me on. I had a big car but that was my house so that wasn't - it balanced out to where that wasn't excessive living or high living. However, we can't deny the fact that there was some high living back there for a lot of the boys. For me, I justified having a Lincoln because it was to be .....I was afraid to fly and I drove everywhere I went. There's more miles on that old car. I wish I could roll the speedometer back.

CS: Paul, I am genuinely sorry for.....

PC: Well I've forgiven you. That means the world to me.

JS: .....

PC: There was a very powerful man that heard about this and he had a vision. That's unusual for a Baptist but he sav your face and said you were going to just what you've done tonight. It was the only thing that gave me any hope because I know you are a strongwilled man, your powerful personality so I didn't know whether you'd .... or not. I appreciate this Chuck, I really do. If you would just clear me on all counts, I will never speak evil of your name. I never have except I've been very excited this since this has happened I thought evil things. But let's drop it here and let it go no further. I'm not asking for an endorsement, you don't have to endorse my ministry, I'm just asking for you to clear the slate. I appreciate it and I don't know whether you still hug or not....

CS: Thank you for coming Paul.

PC: Thank you. I love you Chuck. Please follow through on that.

CS: I will. I definitely will. What I'm going to do first though is write them and ask them to give me a list of all the pastors that were there.

PC: I'm sure there were some lay people there.

CS: I'll get all of those that were there.

PC: Just ask them to clarify it.

CS: We'll do it.

PC: God bless you kay. Good to see you again.

PC: Chuck Jr. allegedly called me a clarivoyant. I wish he wouldn't do that. Five years from now it is going to be so obvious what the Lord is doing that there won't be any question about that. Chuck, I don't think I have long to do what I have to do and please help me....because I'm not going wild but the Vineyard is in deep repentance right now and they're restorable. It's a wonderful thing that is happening.....it's not ....or emotionalism.....and I'm not on an ego trip but I've paid a price for this. I'm not homosexual. I'm an out and out celibate but of course I've had young men around me but who would I have. I.....Please be charitable. I've loved you like .....

CS: .....and I do apologize.

PC: And let's start.....See if Paul and Jan had heard something like this.....Well I don't think you are. I love you for this Chuck. I really do. God bless.

CS: You pray for us and we'll pray for you.

PC: Good. That's a promise.

JS: You're going to see. More fruit is going to come out of this. Good ...of fruit. Because if it had gone further and festered it would have just grown. This way, in the long run, it ripped his heart out. I'm sure it's hurting him Paul.

PC: I don't think your dad meant to do it because before this happened, I was watching your dad on TV and I saw something like....I felt led to come to your dad and nip this in the bud before it ever started because I felt like Satan was in this and it wasn't supposed to come down. I've always felt your dad loved me. Everybody I've ever heard who asked him what he thought about me, he always said something complimentary, like he's a marvelous kid. I think I said myself to your dad one time, "You know I have a little bit of discernment." And he said, "Well that's the understatement of the century." And others have approached him, like the lady in the market.....But anyway, if I had followed through this wouldn't have happened but CRI got some misinformation and so we confronted them instead.

JD: He got revelation what meeting your dad was going to do this and he told it to Wimber in July and he told it to me in August. He said, "I gotta go see Chuck. He's getting ready to come out against me."

PC: He's a friend and I don't knov why he would do this. Maybe I'm too presumptuous but I've always called your dad a friend, always.

JS: Dad is exhausted. I can remember growing up ....when he could look at a page, close the book and recite back to you what he read. He used to knov everybody that left the congregation but he's exhausted. He's been going seven days a week for all these years and he's getting tired.

PC: I think a bunch of disallusi[illegible] wanted to knov what he thinks is going on with the Vineyard because they did go out from him. What do you think of Paul Cain and it just rolled out before he thought. I really appreciate this Jeff.

JS: I hope to see you guys again. I think the Lord is - I really do. I think that good is going to come out of it. I feel that in the long run, more fruit will come out of it.

PC: If nothing else, if it would just teach us to confront like this. The Lord, I believe wants us to institute confrontation and develop..... Bless you. You're a wonderful a young man. I wish you were my son.

JS: Look Paul, if you ever need any help you know you can call me here.

PC: Glory be to God on the highest.

JD: Do you think he's going to follow through on that?

PC: I believe he will. I know he will. I've told him not to touch what the Lord is doing in the Vineyard. There's something the Lord's doing and it's not sensationalism or emotionalism. He said, "I know Paul, I know. It's wonderful."

JD: Do you think he believed it.

PC: Yeah, he did. He didn't mean to do that. He doesn't believe I'm a homo. He knows better than that.

JD: He was starting down that trail. He said, "Well Kay and I did wonder." And then you said certain things could come out and could be revealed and he was drumming his fingers and he stopped just like that when you said that.

PC: I'm sorry for that little bit of spiritual blackmail but the Lord gave me permissionto do that.

JD: There's nothing wrong with that.

PC: Don't you know he thought then, "Uh oh."

JD: That's exactly. He was doing like this and then you said certain things could be revealed and then his fingers stopped just like that. That's when he got serious. Before that though, didn't you understand what he was saying? He was saying, "well, Kay and I did have questions."

PC: Well, who wouldn't. I mean a guy my age then and not married.

JD: Yeah, but what he was saying